Offline Processing of 1x8 data

First attempt to process the data in real time

- Apr 3, noon : decided on the version of ProductionExe to be run on the Production Farm – 3.14.0int1 with patches
- Apr 04, 1am: patches applied, executable built, tested and distributed to the Production Farm, processing started
- SVX and CES clustering turned off
- Calibration constants: the same with Level3
- Apr 04 9:30am: 138 files in the Data File Catalog, 92 processed
- Typical event size for one of the first files: 180KBytes(RAW), 220
 Kbytes on output of Production
- Apr 04 11am: the first processed data started appearing on FCDFSGI2, turned out that KAHUNA server needed to be restarted for people to see the data (this happened later in the afternoon)
- Apr 04 (around 11pm): the first Production files were spooled to FCDFSGI2
- Apr 05 (this morning): all the data until run 111216 processed on the Farm, after that run the trigger table has changed (trigger table 1x8_END_1) and we started writing out multiple output streams.
- One run has been taken with this mode, then the store ended
- 2nd store: started from 1x8_BEGIN (one output stream), during the owl shift switched to 1x8_END(4 output streams)

What did we learn:

- We can process the data in real time and make the data available for analysis within hours from when they were taken
- When the trigger table changes, the contents of a given stream may change (Stream A : inclusive for 1x8_BEGIN while electrons for 1x8_END)
- A unit of data transfer is 1 tape (50 Gbytes) so at low rates the latency can be rather large
- The files going into the LOOK area (1 per run) contain about 3000 events each, for some express-type jobs (COT threshold scan) we may need more statistics per run

Plan the rest of 1x8:

- Write inclusive datasets (1 dataset per stream) (rates the datasets B-D are small, configuration issues)
- Flush the data to tapes in the end of the next store
- Discuss the configuration of the output streams for 36x36 next week

Status by noon Apr 05:

- 8 tapes with the RAW data written (about 350 GBytes)
- 3 tapes with the Production data written and spooled to the disks on FCDFSGI2
- 130 Gbytes processed on the Production Farm, 150 GB is the total size of the concatenated output